HOUSE BILL 2338

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 55 and Title 68, relative to certain driving offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(i)

- (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person who is arrested or receives a traffic citation for driving or operating a motor vehicle at a speed that is twenty miles per hour (20 mph) or more over the set speed limit is subject to a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) and shall be classified as a "super speeder". This fine is in addition to any fine, fee, or cost assessed under this or any other applicable section.
- (2) All fines collected pursuant to this subsection (i) must be sent to the Tennessee emergency medical services board for disbursement in accordance with § 68-140-304(14).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-413, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(h)

(1) In addition to all other fines, fees, costs, and punishments now prescribed by law, a fine in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) must be assessed upon conviction for a violation of driving under the influence under § 55-10-401.

(2) The fine authorized in subdivision (h)(1) must be collected by the clerks of the various courts of the counties and forwarded to the Tennessee emergency medical services board on a monthly basis for disbursement in accordance with § 68-140-304(14).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-205(d)(2), is amended by adding the following immediately after the language "§ 55-10-412(c)":

and an additional fine of two hundred dollars (\$200) to be collected by the clerks of the various courts of the counties and forwarded to the Tennessee emergency medical services board on a monthly basis for disbursement in accordance with § 68-140-304(14).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-304, is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

- (14) Equitably disburse funds made available from the fines imposed by §§ 55-8-152(i), 55-10-205(d)(2), and 55-10-413(h) to develop, implement, administer, and maintain a system to compensate members of the emergency medical services transportation community for readiness and uncompensated trauma care, as follows:
 - (A) Five percent (5%) of the funds from the fines must be dispersed to the Tennessee emergency medical services board;
 - (B) Twenty-two and one-half percent (22.5%) of funds from the fines must be dispersed to the trauma system fund created in § 68-59-105; and
 - (C) Seventy-two and one-half percent (72.5%) of funds from the fines must be equally dispersed to each licensed ground and air medical ambulance service on a quarterly basis based upon the department's current service listing.

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SECTION 5. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds must not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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